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Hongkong Regatta are reminded that
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E. S. HALLIFAX,
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Mr. W. MALCOLM WATSON, Mr.
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Meeting.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Zealand Lodge.

Miscellaneous.

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General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, February 2.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Curio

Goods, at Mr. Geo. Lammett's Sales

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SUNDAY, February 4.

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On January 28, at 16, Peking Road, Shanghai, the wife of GILBERT McINTOSH, of a Daughter.

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All business communications for this office should be addressed to THE MANAGER.

Communications intended for publication should be addressed to THE EDITOR, and not to any person by name.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

Any communication not accompanied by the signature of the writer will be rejected without consideration.

All communications must be legibly written upon one side of the paper.

Telephone, No. 22.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1905.

DESTITUTE SEAMEN.

WHEN the beachcomber question became so acute in Hongkong we wrote on several occasions pointing out that the Government had some responsibility in connection with the matter, and, in consequence, should take steps to either rid the Colony of the trouble or provide temporary employment for those desiring it, so that the onus of their support should be taken from the shoulders of residents. In another column we published letters dealing with a suggestion by the Governor to temporarily relieve distressed seamen. Whilst Sir Matthew Nathan is to be complimented upon his generosity and the interest he shows in dealing with the question we do not think that the public should be burdened with the support of men who come here destitute, either with the hope of securing employment or with the idea that they will be able to live for a time at least at somebody else's expense. Either such people should be prevented by the Government from landing or the Government itself should support them.

It does not appear to us to be the right thing to expect the residents to put their hands into their pockets to support every unfortunate who might drift down from other parts in the East. Manila sends over a fair proportion of hard-ups, and as soon as it becomes known that the people here are about to prepare a happy hunting ground for the workless, other ports will be emptying their burdens into our lap. There is charity, and charity, and for the sake of residents we feel bound to express the opinion that it would be wrong at this stage of the Colony's existence to allow charity to run mad. There is no reason on earth why Sir Matthew Nathan should put his hand into his pocket to support five men who are workless, nor any reason why any other citizen should even support one. Either the burden should be shared evenly by a small tax being imposed, or the Government should tackle the question and use some of its surplus revenue to cope with the difficulty. As it is out of the question entirely to tax people for the support of the indigent there is only one alternative if it is desired to relieve certain citizens from the obligation of looking after somebody else who cannot or will not work, and that is for the Government to make the question its own. Already large sums of money are spent annually in Hongkong on charities and the Governor's proposal, generous though it might be, will be but the thin edge of the wedge, for an increase. No doubt the question will be thrashed out at the forthcoming meeting. It will stand considerable argument both for and against. The scheme is certainly one to minimize the evil, but with all deference to His Excellency we believe it to be based upon absolutely wrong lines. Many will declare it wrong to expect the Government to find work. Well, let the Government keep the workless out of the Colony. They should do one of the two things.

The Swatow correspondent of the N.-C. Daily News writes:—Apparently a real tide of sport has set in. It may seem incredible but it is true that a Hongkong team is coming to Swatow to try their fate with the willow on our superb cricket field. There is something sublime in this gigantic stride in outdoor recreation and we hold our breath at the audaciousness of challenging a crackling centre like Hongkong. Hongkong was agitated at first. This David defying their Goliath! When they recovered from the shock they kindly promised to let us have a second eleven to knock to pieces. Shanghai needs to watch

this with interest, as the Model Settlement may be the next point of attack. At present our energy is unflinching. Every afternoon there is practicing at the nets to put on style and proficiency. Swatow sport shall no longer be a neglected quality. There is hope that we shall shine in an inter-port match—in the dim future. A walking match ought to be our next attempt. Material is ready if a committee took it in hand.

The usual Monday night concert was given last evening at the Seamen's Institute, Kowloon. There was a large audience and an enjoyable programme was contributed.

His Excellency the Governor has arranged to give the juveniles of the Colony another treat on Friday, February 17th, when they are invited to attend a children's party at Government House.

It was rumored this afternoon that an employee of a shop in Queen's Road had stolen \$20,000 and been caught with the whole sum in his possession. The police were unable to confirm the statement.

Writing in the Hongkong Church Missionary Society Association's paper, *From Month to Month*, of his tour in Fuhkien, the Bishop of Victoria says:—'The brightness of the visit to Fuhning with, however, overshadowed by the recent death of Mrs. Mackenzie, a cousin of a Hongkong resident, who had been married in the spring to the Rev. M. Mackenzie, a missionary Priest and Doctor connected with the Dublin Mission.'

In our report yesterday of the annual meeting of the Hongkong Land Investment Co. and Agency Limited, we incorrectly reported Mr. George's question to the Chairman. It should have read:—Mr. George: Am I correct in surmising that since the interest on all these properties which are under development has been paid out of the earnings, do the properties on the reclamation stand in the books at their original value plus the building expenses or is it written off their value?—The Chairman: The properties you ask about stand in our books at their original cost.

Messrs. Hughes and Hough auctioned the books and other privileges in connection with the forthcoming race meeting yesterday afternoon, the total sum realized being \$3010. The different lots were disposed of as follows:—Lot 1, \$210; Mr. Xavier, proprietor of the Hongkong Printing Press; 2, \$270; 3, \$150; and 4, \$250; Mr. Leobird, Steward of the V.R.C.; 5, \$200; Mr. Vass; 6, \$170; Mr. Razak; 7, \$320; Mr. Remondis; 8, \$215; and 9, \$145; Messrs. Kitchin and Co.; 10, \$140; Mr. Ho Chuk Wai; 11, \$110; Mr. Lung Tai; 12, \$200; and 13, \$105; Mr. T. Arakawa of the Japanese Club; 14, \$90; Mr. Yeo Pak Hung; 15, \$90; Mr. Sam Yee; 16, \$85; Mr. Razak; 17, \$80; Mr. Loris; 18, \$85; and 19, \$105; Mr. Ah On.

Bangkok's Kindness.

The Colonial Secretary has received the following telegram from H. B. M. Consul, Bangkok, dated January 28:—'Hongkong has not been declared infected, but is considered a suspected port, arrivals from which merit medical inspection rather than quarantine. The station for quarantine and inspection has been changed from Kohphai to Kohphra.'

Alice Memorial Hospital.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethercole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

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East Asiatic Trading Co.	...	25
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A. Mary	...	25
H. N. Mody	...	25
Deutsch Asiatic Bank	...	25
Gilman and Co.	...	25

A New York wire states that fearing bankruptcy, because of the slump in the price of cotton, farmers and merchants throughout certain sections of the South are taking the heroic measure of burning cotton to prevent a further fall and to advance the price of the staple. It is proposed that 2,000,000 bales shall be burned, each State to furnish its quota.

A TIMELY SUGGESTION.—This is the season of the year when the prudent and careful housewife replenishes her supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is certain to be needed before the winter is over, and results are much more prompt and satisfactory when it is kept at hand and given as soon as the cold is contracted, and before it has become settled in the system. In almost every instance a severe cold may be avoided off by taking this remedy freely as soon as the first indications of the cold appear. There is no danger in giving it to children for it contains no harmful substance. It is pleasant to take—both adults and children like it. Buy it and you will get the best. It is always ready. Sold by All Dealers; WATKINS & Co., Ltd.; General Agents.

BY TELEGRAPH.

[CHINA MAIL'S EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

[SUPPLIED BY REUTERS, VIA BOMBAY.]

[Received on January 30, at 6.15 p.m.]

THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

GENERAL MISTCHENKO WOUNDED.

Remains at the Front.

LONDON, January 30.

A telegram from St. Petersburg, dated January 29, says that General Mistchenko, who daringly led the recent cavalry raid on Newchwang, has been wounded in the leg.

He is, however, required at the front and will not return home.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

THE BALTIC FLEET.

LONDON, January 28.

Reuters' correspondent at Port Said wires, there is reason to believe that at least a portion of the Baltic fleet will shortly return through the Canal; and it is rumored that some of the ships will visit the Persian Gulf.

[N.-C. DAILY NEWS SERVICE.]

Non-Combatants at Chofoo.

CHOFOO, January 27.

Three Japanese steamers and sixteen junks have arrived here with 2,800 non-combatants on board. The steamers were anchored at the bluff for two days, owing to bad weather.

Six hundred refugees landed on Thursday. Others went on board the steamers "Minchun," "Lady Mitchell," and "Whampoa," which are bound for Odessa, via Shanghai. Those who landed are in excellent health.

Chofoo is lively, but good order is maintained, though the accommodation is strained.

There are still about two thousand non-combatants at Port Arthur.

Dr Morrison's Alleged Report on Port Arthur.

OSAKA, January 26.

Dr Morrison, *The Times* correspondent at Peking is reported to have wired to *The Times*, after inspecting the real condition of Port Arthur, that there would never be a more disgraceful surrender in the world than that of Port Arthur.

The End of the War.

PARIS, December 25.—The correspondent of the *New York Herald* at St. Petersburg sends the following statement made to him by an eminent official in one of the highest and most responsible positions in the empire:—In reply to a question as to the end of the war, this authority said, with a very mournful look, 'No one in the world can tell how it is all going to end. The situation is complicated to a degree which prevents one seeing any light. It is all very disappointing.' He left me with the impression that he saw only one good end to the trouble, and that was that the war should be stopped. That is the opinion of 999 out of 1,000 good Russians. The remaining one is usually a contractor or a member of the commissariat. But once always answers, stop it! How? Curiously enough eyes are constantly turned to the United States, and there seems to exist a conviction that President Roosevelt might be the man to stop the war.

STOESSEL'S SURRENDER.

A Remarkable Allegation.

The following remarkable letter appeared in the *N. O. Daily News*, over the signature of 'Cosmopolite':—

Whether Dr Morrison's telegram be correctly given or not, it is surely time now for English newspapers to publish what Russians are saying openly: that the capitulation of Port Arthur is a scandal; that there was no Council of War beforehand, as reported at length and with many pretty touches, but that Stoessel made his announcement, and the other Generals were so dumbfounded they could say nothing. But a week before, General Stoessel had written to General Kuropatkin that all was well, perfectly well; so Kuropatkin's state of mind may be better imagined than described. Not one General but many are said to have wept at Port Arthur when the fatal truth was forced home upon them. And the soldiers were so enraged, that Stoessel never took formal leave of them. For months Russians from Port Arthur have been relating how, when the English papers did get in, all describing Stoessel as a hero, men there felt in despair. He, they knew, had done nothing but confuse things and write and speak bombastically. Smyrnoff was on the ramparts at night, everything saying Smyrnoff who, with others, as a protest, has gone as a prisoner to Japan. It is not wonderful, however, that foreign newspapers have been misled, for no word of mild criticism of General Stoessel has ever been allowed to pass the censorship of Port Arthur, and get into the country of Port Arthur. But it is heard that Smyrnoff, a Russian hero of the good old school, as it would appear, should be denied his meed of praise.

BY TELEGRAPH.

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FIGHTING THE AUTOCRAT.

WARSAW STRIKES RE-TENDING.

All Traffic Suspended.

LONDON, January 30.

The strikes are Warsaw are extending in all directions.

The tramcars have been stopped by the strikers and all traffic is suspended. Moscow and St. Petersburg are quiet.

TROTSKY'S TERMS.

Calling on the Mob to Surrender.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 26.

General Trotsky, the recently appointed Governor General of St. Petersburg, has offered concessions to the rioters of the capital. He has issued a proclamation calling on the mob to surrender their arms, ammunition and whatever material may be in their possession for the furnishing of their plans to overthrow the government; also that the leaders of the movement be turned over to the government for punishment. The rank and file are offered immunity from any investigation, on condition that the strikers return to their accustomed places of work and that all will take no further part in any plan to further revolutionary ideas.

Owing to the power of the leaders over the population that has attempted to overthrow the government, there is little probability of the present terms being accepted. Twenty-four hours' time has been granted in which to meet the terms offered and all who refuse to accept the proffered conditions will meet with no consideration on the part of the troops and police.

It has been demonstrated that the mob was but poorly supplied with arms and ammunition, and while it exceeded the force of the government at least five to one, it was wholly unprepared to cope with well armed troops.—*Manila Correspondent.*

CHINESE NEW YEAR.

Preparing to Celebrate.

The usual preparations are being made by the Chinese community to celebrate their New Year's Day which falls on Saturday, February 4.

The streets in the Western portion of the Central District are already assuming the holiday appearance, being lined with banners and stalls, where a thousand and one different articles are on sale from all parts of the Chinese Empire.

At one stall are to be seen hundreds of tiny gold fish, at another various descriptions of curios and Chinese handicraft, while the productions of English and German factories are not unrepresented.

The curious are, undoubtedly some which bear their marks.

Large numbers of Chinese have been coming into the city for some time past and the streets where stalls are situated are now so crowded that it is with difficulty that a ricksha can make its way amongst the pedestrians.

So far no special preparations for any functions of a public character appear to have been made and it seems that the most demonstrative part of the proceedings will be the letting off of crackers, for which permission has been given by the Captain Superintendent of Police, within certain limits.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by the

Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 31st at 11.45 a.m. the barometer

has risen rapidly in N. Japan and more

moderately in S. China and Formosa. It

has fallen slightly in the Yangtze valley.

Gradients are less steep upon the east

coast of China and moderate upon the

south coast. Fresh N.E. monsoon will

prevail in the Formosa Channel and to

the northward of it and moderate N.E.

winds in the northern part of the China

Sea.

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For sale by All Dealers; WATKINS & Co.,

Ltd., General Agents.

Memoranda.

MONDAY, February 6.

9.30 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.

Transfer Books of Hongkong & Shanghai

Banking Corporation, close from this

date to 20th February inclusive.

TUESDAY, February 7.

9 p.m.—Auction of *Cosmos* Lead at the

Public Works Department's Office.

FRIDAY, February 10.

Noon.—Meeting of Humphreys Estate &

Finance Co., Ltd., at the Registered

Office.

MONDAY, February 13.

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Ice

Co., Ltd., at General Manager's Office.

TUESDAY, February 14.

Noon.—Meeting of Hongkong Canton &

Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., at Com-

pany's Office.

DESTITUTE SEAMEN.

A Scheme of Assistance.

Those who have for some time been striving to help distressed Europeans in Hongkong, and who have hoped to see some scheme evolved which would relieve the man in the street from the necessity of doing out alms to all and sundry who might plead poverty, will read with interest the following correspondence which has been forwarded to us for publication:—

(To the Editor of the CHINA MAIL.)
SIR,—The President of the Benevolent Society has received the following letter from His Excellency the Governor on the subject of making temporary provision for destitute seamen in the Colony.

As the Benevolent Society, which has many other demands upon it, is not in a position to undertake the management of a permanent scheme suggested by His Excellency, it is obliged to invite residents who are interested in the matter to assist it by becoming guarantors.

If any are willing to assist they will oblige by sending their names to the undersigned.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the City Hall on Tuesday, February 7, at 6.00 p.m. when any further information concerning the scheme referred to above will be gladly given.

All who are interested in the general work of the Society and in this proposal in particular are invited to attend.—Yours etc,

H. A. V. MAY,
President Benevolent Society,
Hongkong, January 30.

Governor's House,
Hongkong, January 28.

Dear Mr. May—I willingly accede to your request that I should express my suggestion that the Benevolent Society should render assistance in the difficult matter of dealing with cases of destitute seamen in the Colony, who have become destitute through no fault of their own.

As you are probably aware it is now necessary, before any destitute seaman can gain admission to the Sailors' Home, that he should deposit \$90 as a guarantee for the cost of his maintenance, and, owing to this rule, which is necessary if the Home is to keep its present satisfactory status of a self-supporting institution, many deserving cases of destitution are precluded from entering the Home and are, perforce, driven to the House of Detention.

I have, however, recently arranged that, before any destitute is arrested by the Police and sent to the House of Detention as a vagrant, he shall be sent to the Sailors' Home and have his case investigated by the Superintendent and Chaplain with a view to ascertaining whether the man is a seaman and worthy of assistance.

Should the case be a meritorious one I suggest that the Benevolent Society should guarantee the necessary \$90, and propose, in order to effect this guarantee, that subscribers should be invited, in addition to their present subscriptions, to undertake the Society's obligations in the following manner:

Assume that A, B, C, D and E guarantee 1, 2, 4, 1 and 5, sum of \$80 received in the year, the first destitute received into the Home would be supported by A, the 2nd by B, and so on to E. The sixth would be supported by B, the 7th by C, the 8th by D, the 9th by E, the 10th by A, the 11th by B, and the 12th and 13th by E. If the 2nd and 6th men remained in the Home 10 and 20 days respectively, B would be liable to pay 10/10 + 20/10 = \$34.50, his maximum liability on account of these two men would be \$120.

The Benevolent Society would only make itself responsible for the Home for the number of destitutes guaranteed by the subscribers. Suppose that ten subscribers guaranteed on an average to pay for the stay at the Home of two destitute seamen. The Society would then be liable for the year to draw on funds to pay for twenty men in all. It would keep the roster of the guarantors and call on them in succession to pay for the men that were admitted in succession to the Home.

It would thus merely furnish the machinery by which the scheme would be worked, and the Society would be responsible for the work. It is no doubt true that it would be simpler for the Superintendent of the Home to himself do the work I suggest should be entrusted to your Society. But it seems to me that your Society has better opportunities for making the scheme known and for getting people to become guarantors. Besides its members have formed themselves into a body for the purpose of rendering assistance in cases of distress in the Colony among persons other than the Chinese or European communities, and will probably look upon it as their right and privilege to take part in any scheme which has this end in view.

If the scheme commends itself to you, will you kindly put it before the Society? If it is adopted I should be willing to become responsible for five cases admitted to the Home in the course of the year, i.e. as E guarantor.—Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) MATTHEW NATHAN.

GREAT BRITAIN AND JAPAN.

The Future Alliance.

In referring to the fact that the Anglo-Japanese Alliance expires in two years' time the *L. and C. Express* says:—"We have already recorded that Japanese sentiment points to a closer and unqualified defensive alliance for the protection of the interests of either Power. The only enemy dangerous to us or to Japan in the East is Russia, and such a treaty would put an end, once for all, to our fears and to Russian aggression. Japan would be relieved of the burden of an unnecessarily large army. The British Fleet would, in case of need, guard the shores of Japan, while the troops of Japan would protect, in need, the Indian frontier. The more existence of such a treaty would almost certainly obviate the necessity for applying its provisions."

RELIEF AFTER SIX YEARS.—Mrs M. A. Clark, of Timbory Range, N. S. W., Australia, writes: "I wish to inform you of the wonderful benefit I have received from a severe cough for six years and obtained no relief until I took Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. One bottle cured me and I am thankful to say that I have never had the cough since. Make any use of this letter that you like for the good of other poor sufferers. For sale by All Dealers." WALKER & CO., Ltd., General Agents.

THE FINANCIAL CRISIS.

Failures in Shanghai.

This portion of the Chinese year appears to have been quite disastrous to several native banks here, especially those owned by Cantonese, as it is reported that two of the largest of these have been compelled to suspend payment, the first with liabilities said to amount to over Tls. 1,800,000, and the second Tls. 700,000 odd, says the *N. C. Daily News*.

Another Cantonese Bank it is feared, will in consequence, find difficulty in tiding over the Chinese year, which is now so closely approaching its end.

Beside the above financial disaster it is stated that one of the largest and best-known native goldsmith shops in the International Settlement is in difficulties owing to its business manager having dabbled in exchange in connection with tea and silk, whereby he has failed, involving no less a sum than Tls. 300,000.

There are also other failures in the air, which it is premature to notice at present.

THE SHAIKIWAN PIRACY.

Accused on Trial.

Four Chinese men and a woman were placed in the dock at the Magistracy this afternoon in connection with the recent Shaukiwan piracy. Two of the defendants were represented by Mr. H. K. Holmes and Chief Detective Inspector Hanson prosecuted. Kwok Sau Chi, master of the boat which was held up, deposed that he had been trading for some years past and left for the city as usual early on the morning of January 13. They made very slow progress after starting and had got as far as Blackhead's soap factory when he saw a boat rowing towards them from the mainland with twelve men in it. The boat came alongside and the men jumped on board and told them not to make a noise. The robbers said they were taking revenge and told witness and the occupants of his boat that if they did shout they would kill them. They were armed with knives and revolvers.

Two men attacked witness and pushed him into the cabin after having thrown pepper into his eyes. After that he was unable to see what went on for some time. All of the people on board of the boat were put in the hold. When he regained his eyesight, he saw the robbers removing boxes from the living apartments, and after being on board for about half an hour the robbers covered the hold up where witness and his people were confined and went away in the direction from which they came. On getting out of the hold he found that \$1000 which he kept in a box had been stolen, together with 200 pieces of clothing and jewellery, worth about \$135. Over \$600 recovered witness identified as his by the way it was wrapped up. He also identified the clothing. The reason why he had such a large sum of money in the boat was that he and his father had been using the boat for many years and he had no son or anyone on shore to whom to entrust it. His boat was his home.

The case was proceeding when our report closed.

SMART CAPTURE BY THE DETECTIVES.

Three Men Arrested Red Handed.

A smart capture was effected last night by a squad of detectives, under Chief Detective Inspector Hanson, as a result of which three Chinese are now waiting their trial for stealing considerably over \$3000 worth of clothing and valuables. It appears that some time ago a party of Chinese desperadoes arranged to rob a house at Po Hing Tong and selected last night as the most favourable occasion for doing so. This fact was communicated to the detectives and they in turn planned to intercept the robbers on their way to the house and thus prevent the robbery.

According to a prearranged plan the Chief Inspector and a number of men got out last night for a spot where they expected to intercept the robbers but when they arrived there they found that the former were ahead of time and had already gone to the house, which was No. 8. Accordingly the party hastened to the house, and seeing that the robbers were inside hid themselves where they could best lay hands on them when they came out again. They had not been in hiding more than a minute or two when the first of the robbers made his appearance and was quietly seized, having a bundle of valuable clothing in his possession. The second man followed almost immediately and was also seized, but not without making a little noise, and the third, who was at his heels, seeing that the scheme was wrong, fled back up the stairs closely followed by Detective O'Sullivan, and was caught at the top of the stair where his retreat was cut off by a closed door.

The last two men were found to have over \$2000 worth of jewellery in their possession, and looking through the house the officers found that they had been armed with chopsticks, and had intimidated two women, who were threatened and tied them up with cords. To prevent the women from calling for assistance they had been gagged with pieces of wood and were unable to move for some time. The three men were taken to the police station, where they were charged with the robbery, and the case is now before the court.

Ten Oblate Fathers have given £10,000 to the Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School, which will be built at Westminster.

GOSSIP FROM SHANGHAI.

[BY THE HONORABLE.]

SHANGHAI, January 18.

Every Wednesday towards the close of afternoon the Shanghai Municipal Band discourses sweet music at the Town Hall. It is not fashionable to attend, so the audiences are somewhat scanty, but they make up in enthusiasm what they lack in numbers. A few English, a few Germans, more Portuguese and a troop of school children generally make up the usual attendance, and those said children thought a splendid entertainment had been provided as accompaniment to noisy games. But adults differed and indignant protests reached the powers that be. The Sikh policeman on duty was powerless to keep order, the children probably regarding him as one of their favourite heroes direct from tales of adventure. Therefore, the services of a British 'Bobby' were requisitioned, and now listeners are allowed to enjoy the band in peace. Slight young forms dodge behind the handstand, inviting a fellow to play 'touch', but ever on the alert a stalwart form bears down and carries off an unwilling captive to a penitential or indignant parent, as the case may be, and terror reigns in the small hearts of juvenile Shanghai.

I wonder if there is a newspaper published in Shanghai which does not regularly every month seize some opportunity to rail at the chit system and attribute to it the many downfalls of young fellows who come out East to earn salaries which at home would be impossible. I know very well that these words themselves are more repetitions of what have been written hundred of times before, but the evil is so obvious and a remedy so necessary that it stands constant discussion. It is a temptation to buy things without the reach of your income, and more especially to drink at all times, when immediate payment is not required and all that is necessary is to sign a chit. Too many young fellows scribble their names on pieces of paper and then are apt to delude themselves by saying 'Thank God that is paid for.' The Clubs have learnt to protect themselves and the names of defaulters are posted up and this has proved effective in keeping men within bounds, and now the hotels are seriously contemplating following this example. It does sound rather brutal but the hotel has a right to take stringent steps to save themselves the heavy losses they sometimes suffer, and at the same time it is really to the benefit of the spendthrifts themselves. Cart-wheel dollars are impossible to carry about, but there is such an extensive paper currency that it is not now necessary, and there is no valid reason why chits should not be abolished and Shanghai become the ideal home of members of the Young Men's Christian Association. Following this trend of thought why not convert, say, the Masonic Club, into Exeter Hall?

There is an energetic lady in Shanghai who has snatched a moment from her overpowering household duties to write to the Editor of a newspaper and complain of the bad electric lighting. In that she is justified because private houses and the streets are a disgrace. The Company have tendered elaborate explanations about machinery which tarried on its dilatory way and we are comforting ourselves with big promises of better things to come, meanwhile we stumble in a dreary darkness. But what annoyed me was the air of pride with which the busy fair one set forth her daily duties. "In the morning," she wrote, "I am occupied with household duties" (they do not exist in the East for European women), "in the afternoon I visit the sick, call and receive callers, and the evenings I devote to reading, writing or sewing." She has my respectful sympathy. It is a shame she should be harassed by the naughtiness of the Municipal Council in not providing sufficient light for her to fulfil her arduous tasks. If she fails fainting to the ground, the least the Council can do is to pay the doctor's bill.

There is nothing more detestable than the suspicion of bribery in business transactions and every effort should be made to stamp out the slightest traces of such practice wherever British administration is concerned. These reflections are born of the

case tried at the Mixed Court, in which a native clerk in the Customs Service brought an action for slander against the sheriff of Messrs. Gutzwiller. Twice a day did the unfortunate sheriff trot off to the Customs anxious to get some papers of shipment endorsed without delay for his Company, but without success. At last he was informed by an office boy that the best means of getting the papers through was to pay the clerk the usual *umshu*. He reported the matter to his employers who decided to take the matter up. The clerk denied the allegation, but although no actual proof was forthcoming of his acceptance of such bribes (this always is a difficult thing to prove) his case was dismissed, the Magistrate remarking that it did not reflect to his credit, while the sheriff was honorably discharged.

At a meeting of the Anti-Foot Binding Association, the interesting announcement was made that prominent Chinese gentlemen had consented to wear badges signifying that they desired wives with natural feet for their sons. I can see a proud papa unbending in his superior Chinese knowledge that his son is a man and consenting to his son's bride foregoing torture of this terrible description. And talking about Chinese brides, within the past fortnight I have passed quite half a dozen and in each instance the unfortunate 'victim' (of course, I am referring to the bride) has been howling long and loud in her cramped wedding chair. In some instances grinning coolies have tried to thrust in their faces and get a peep at the lamb which was being led—but there my Editor tells me, he objects to Biblical quotations.

U.S. CONSUL-GENERAL FOR CANTON.

Consul McWade's Successor.

Among the passengers on the transport *Thames* which arrived at Manila a few days ago, were Mr. Julius G. Lay and wife. He has been in the consular service of the United States for over 15 years and is going to accept the position of Consul-General at Canton. The last five years of Mr. Lay's consular service have been spent in Barcelona, Spain.

Mr. Lay has never been in the Orient before and consequently would express no opinion of the country, but when informed by the *Canton* representative permanently by the acquisition of the road by a powerful American syndicate, he remarked that he could not have heard anything that would have pleased him better. During his incumbency at Canton Mr. Lay said that he expected to be a witness of a great industrial revolution by American manufacturers and an assistant of its successful prosecution in every possible way. Mr. Lay expects to leave on January 31 for Hongkong and thence to Canton, relieving Mr. Chesbrough, who has been the representative since Consul McWade's dismissal.

THE SILVER MARKET.

The silver market has presented a very interesting position for some time, and the prospects of the white metal have been more hopeful than for a long time. There has recently been a good demand from China, particularly Shanghai, due possibly to the exigencies of the war, and Continental buying for Russia, due probably to the same cause, whilst India, under the influence of good crops, has been a free buyer. Supplies from the United States have been much less than in previous years, and now a demand for silver for the purposes of subsidiary coinage, all the Sherman Act silver being absorbed. Under the move to a gold standard in Mexico we are likely to see an absorption of the metal, for the present, rather than a free export. The position is distinctly interesting, in view of the currency changes in the Straits Settlements and Siam. A few months ago popular ideas seemed to be generally centred on a 2s. dollar (monopoly value) for the Straits. With silver at 28½d. per oz., the highest price of the year, we may note that dollar goes into the melting pot, and the *Conant* in the Philippines and the *yen* in Japan, are very close to the lip of it. The Straits have wisely taken the matter of fixing the value of the new dollar in a leisurely manner, and the present rise in Exchange has at least not caught them, but it greatly simplifies the problem, unless they agree on the 2s. dollar and immediately take on gold as their currency—a step we hardly look for. We may repeat, however, the whole position is distinctly interesting.—*L. and C. Express*.

THE OCEAN YACHT RACE.

Laffan's agent at New York says nine yachts have already been entered to compete in the ocean race for the German Emperor's cup in May next. The entries are:—Schooners: Mr. George Lander's "Endymion," Mr. R. E. Tod's "Thistle," Mr. F. E. Leland's "Ariel," and Mr. F. R. Coleman's "Hillegard." Auxiliary Schooners: Mr. J. W. Manure's "Rebecca," Mr. Lloyd Phoenix's "Intrepid," and Mr. H. W. Putnam's "Ariadne." Sloops (Cutters): "Constitution," owned by Mr. August Belmont and others; and Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan's "Columbia."

The "Columbia," which defeated the American Cup in 1892 and 1893, and the "Constitution," almost equally famous as an unsuccessful aspirant for the honour of defeating the trophy last year, have been entered for the purpose of disproving the suggestion of English yachtsmen that the American Cup has been defeated in the Atlantic Cup has been defeated in that the American defending yachts have always been mere racing machines, which could not cross the Atlantic without suffering injuries that would handicap them in the race, while the English yachts have been compelled to incur that handicap.

BY WHARF AND WAVE.

A London dispatch to the *Asahi* reports that the German steamer "Bongalia," carrying coal for the Baltic squadron, ran aground and afterwards sank near Madagascar.

The hull of the "Tahung Maru," which was burnt in the Yangtze some months ago, has, after some months' labour, been reconstructed by Messrs. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Ltd., and is now alongside the Old Dock, being made into a river steamer again.

As a particular sign of his appreciation of the help given to the survivors of the migrant steamer "Norge," which was wrecked on Rockhall last summer, the King has conferred the golden medal of merit upon Captain Swinburne, of the ss. "Salva," of Grimsby; Captain Hughes, of the ss. "Largo Bay," of Aberdeen; and Captain Stook, of the ss. "Cervona," of Dundee.

The capture by the Japanese of still another steamer is reported, and this time the haul is a valuable one. On January 18 a Japanese war ship stopped the British steamer "Oakley," 2,456 tons register, as the vessel was steaming through the Tushima Straits. Upon examination it was found that the "Oakley" carried 3,900 tons of Welsh coal, and that she left Cardiff on November 17th for Vladivostok. She was arrested and sent on to Sasebo in charge of a prize crew.

The examination at Sasebo of the recently captured British steamers "Roseley" and "Leithington" has been concluded in the Sasebo Prize Court, and the Procurators recommended that both vessels and their cargoes be confiscated. Notice was duly given of this decision to those concerned. Both steamers belong to Belfast, Ireland, and are quite new, the "Roseley" having been built in 1903, and the "Leithington" in 1902. The steamers resemble the N.Y.K. "Hitachi-maru" in size and general appearance. Both the master of the "Roseley," Mr. Robertson, and the master of the "Leithington," Mr. Thomas Tate, as already reported, have been released, with their crews.

Owing to the strong north-westerly gale on Jan. 28 several steamers at Woosung dragged their anchors, and there were two rather nasty collisions. The British steamer "Jossie" (3,114 tons), from New York, was in collision with the O.D.L.S. "Bayern," and sustained some very bad damage on the starboard side, some of which caused slight leaks. She also lost an anchor and about sixty fathoms of cable. The "Bayern" escaped with a broken anchor. About the same time the British steamer "Powderham," which put into Woosung last week, got loose and fouled the Chinese cruiser "Haichi." Grazing along the cruiser's port side she caused several small damages, and herself had her bulwark plates broken in several places.

It is estimated that the recent fog in the West caused a loss in the shipping business of about £10,000,000. During seven days' traffic in the Thames was practically suspended the whole time. When, on Christmas Day and Monday, the weather cleared a little, the shipping collisions began, and there was a list of disasters posted at Lloyd's on Dec. 28. The cost of these disasters will fall upon the underwriters at Lloyd's. All the damaged vessels will have to be surveyed; the majority drydocked, and the whole cost—survey fees, dock charges, and repair account—paid by the insurers. As low estimate the bill for this will come to a couple of millions sterling for the week. Some of the owners had a number of boats hung up in the Thames. One firm had 17 steamers, each of 500 tons and over, and another 14 large vessels. The loss to these two owners alone through non-working amounts to several thousand pounds.

The Suez Canal.

The Berlin correspondent of the *Standard* says:—"The directors of the Hamburg-American Company issued on Dec. 23 a statement to the German Press, explaining their views in regard to the question of a second Suez Canal."

In this statement, Herr Ballin and his colleagues reiterate and emphasise the accusations of mismanagement already brought against the Suez Canal Company. They mention in particular the refusal of the Company to devote the surplus of dividends exceeding 25 per cent. to a reduction of the Canal dues, as required by the London Programme of 1883, and the enforcement of certain antiquated regulations adopted at the Constantinople Conference of 1873, relating to the dues for spaces on deck available for cargo.

The statement of the Hamburg-American Company, which may be regarded as the manifesto of the opposition to the Suez Canal Company concludes:—"The management of the Suez Canal is such that it expensates the whole shipping world. If the present agitation in favour of a second canal results in the reduction of the tolls of the existing Canal, the shipping trade with the Far East will be greatly facilitated. After the conclusion of the war between Russia and Japan, there will be great opportunities of developing the trade with the Eastern countries. If, however, the Suez Canal continues to be managed as at present, both Russia, with the Trans-Siberian (the efficiency of which has been greatly increased by the war), and America, with her direct sea route, will be far more favourably situated than the European countries whose way lies through the Canal."

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CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Government Notifications Nos. 42 and 43 the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on SATURDAY, and MONDAY, the 4th and 6th February, 1905.

Hongkong, January 31, 1905. 206

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the Eighteenth day of FEBRUARY, 1905, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1904.

By Order of the Court of Directors, (Sd.) J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 31, 1905. 207

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTRATION of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the fourth to the eighteenth day of February, 1905, (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

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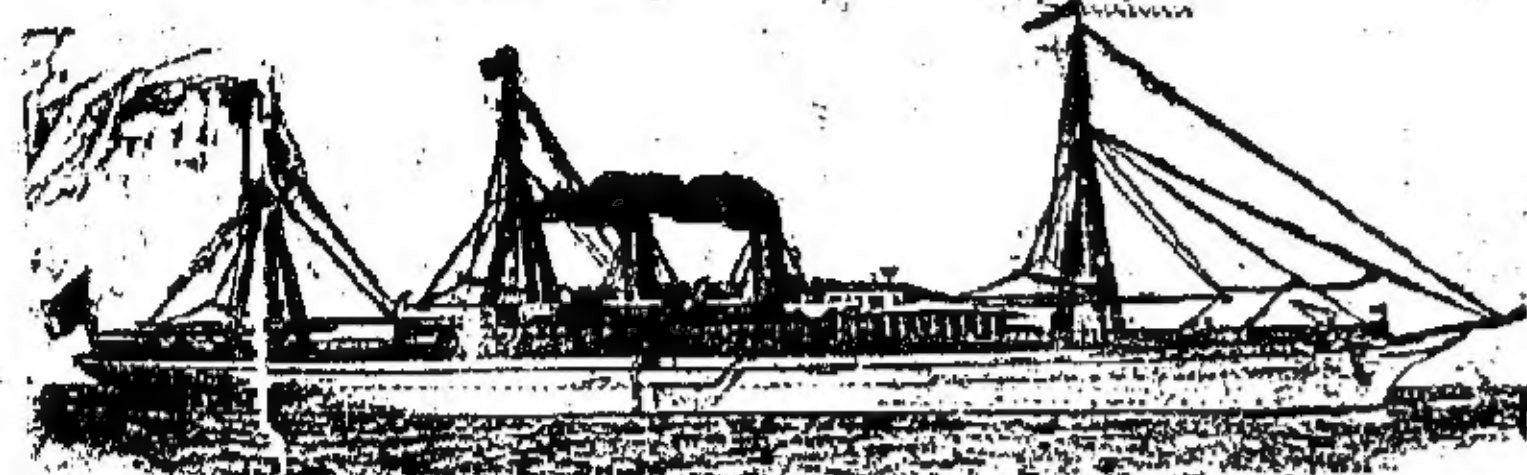
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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS
LONDON, &c.	<i>Nimble</i>	Noon, 11th February	See Special Advertisement
SHANGHAI	<i>F. R. SUMNER</i>	About 11th February	Freight and Passage.
YOKOHAMA, via SHAL MOJI and KOBE (Passing through the Inland Sea).	<i>G. PHILLIPS</i>	About 13th February	Freight and Passage.
MARSHALLS, LONDON & ANTWERP DIRECT, via SPAIN, PANG, CUBA, and PORT SAID.	<i>E. P. MARTIN, D.N.R.</i>	About 16th February	Freight and Passage.

For further Particulars, apply to, E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
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R.M.S. EMPRESS OF INDIA	6000 TONS, WEDNESDAY, Feb. 8.
R.M.S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN	6000 TONS, WEDNESDAY, Mar. 8.
R.M.S. ATHLETIC	3882 TONS, WEDNESDAY, Mar. 15.
R.M.S. EMPRESS OF CHINA	6000 TONS, WEDNESDAY, Mar. 29.
R.M.S. EMPRESS OF INDIA	6000 TONS, WEDNESDAY, April 19.

Hongkong to London, 1st Class, via St. Lawrence £60, via New York £62.
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For further information, Maps, Guides, Books, Rates of Freight and Passage, apply to
D. W. CRADDOCK, Acting General Agent,
Penny Street, Hongkong, January 22, 1905.PORTLAND AND ASIATIC
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, via INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, PORTLAND, OREGON, MOJI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA; FOR

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

STEAMSHIP.	TONS.	CAPTAIN.	TO SAIL AT DAYLIGHT ON.
ARABIA	4483	BAHR	Feb. 13, 1905.
ARAGONIA	5198	SCHULTZ	Mar. 5, 1905.
NICOMEDIA	4370	WAGNER	Mar. 31, 1905.
NOMANTIA	4370	BEHMER	April 20, 1905.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

Hongkong, January 28, 1905.

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.

REGULAR STEAM-SHIP SERVICE
BETWEEN HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA
COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
FOOCHOW, via SWATOW and AMOY.	<i>TRIUMPH</i>	WEDNESDAY, Feb. 1, at Daylight.
TAMSAI, via SWATOW and AMOY.	<i>M. STREVE</i>	SUNDAY, 5th Feb., at Daylight.
ANPING, via SWATOW and AMOY.	<i>JORNSTEDT</i>	WEDNESDAY, Feb. 8, at Daylight.
TAMSAI, via SWATOW and AMOY.	<i>FRITHJOF</i>	SUNDAY, 12th Feb., at Daylight.

ON account of the present state of political affairs, all the Company's new Steamers have been requisitioned for Transport Service, and the above-named chartered Steamers have been secured instead for maintenance of the Company's Coastal Services. As soon as the state of Affairs permit the Company will resume running with its specially designed new Steamers.

For Freight, Passage and further information, apply at the Co.'s local Branch Office, at No. 5, Des Voeux Road Central.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, January 31, 1905.

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BOSTON STEAMSHIP CO. BOSTON TOWBOAT CO.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR

VICTORIA B.C. AND TACOMA

via
MOJI, KOBÉ AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamers.	Tons.	Captains.	To Sail.
LYRA	4417	G. V. Williams	About Feb. 3.
STADES	3763	Geo. Wright	About Feb. 15.
PLEIADES	3763	F. G. Purinton	About Mar. 15.
SHAWMUT	3606	W. M. Smith	About Mar. 24.

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FOR MANILA.

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S.S. SHAWMUT, 3606 tons, Capt. W. M. Smith, About 14th March.
S.S. TREMONT, 3606 tons, Capt. T. W. Garlick, About 14th April.GREAT FARES, EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, ATTENDANCE AND
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AFRICAN, JAVA, AND SUMATRA PORTS.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	OUT
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	<i>Seymour</i>	6th February.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	<i>Patroclos</i>	14th February.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	<i>Achilles</i>	21st February.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	<i>Antenor</i>	25th February.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	<i>Oopack</i>	27th February.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	<i>Pinguey</i>	3rd February.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	<i>Ulysses</i>	7th February.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP, PRIAN		2nd February.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP, CLAUDE		14th February.
* GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL, JAX		20th February.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP, INDENIS		28th February.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP, STENOR		14th March.
* GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL, PATROCLOS		20th March.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP, ACHILLES		28th March.

* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS via PINGUEY		5th March.
NAGASAKI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA		

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 27, 1905.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
NINGPO AND SHANGHAI	<i>HUMAN</i>	3rd February.
MANILA	<i>TEAN</i>	7th February.
PORT DARWIN, THURS- DAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE	<i>TEAN</i>	13th February.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these Steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.
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Steamship.	Tons.	Captains.	For	Sailing Dates.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila	Feb. 3, at 10 a.m.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	"	Feb. 11, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

Shewan, Tomes & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 31, 1905.

SOUTH AFRICAN LINE OF
STEAMERS.HONGKONG DIRECT (or via CHEFOU or CHIN-WAN-TAO) to
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THE following Chartered Steamers will run at Intervals of about 3 Weeks:—

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S.S. CRANLEY	W. E. STEELE.
S.S. IRBAL	M. ROBERTSON.
S.S. ASOOT	C. E. COX.
S.S. LUTELAN	J. G. WILLIAMSON.
S.S. INKUM	E. S. PEARSE.
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S.S. SOPALA	GET SHEPHERD.
S.S. INDRASAMA	R. P. CRAVEY.
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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 29, 1904.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE

REGULAR FOUR-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN
JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMERS.	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJIPANAS	JAVA.	First half March.	JAPAN, via SHANGHAI.	First half March.
TJILATJAP	JAPAN.	Second half February.	JAVA PORTS.	Second half February.
TJIMAH	JAVA.	Second half January.	JAPAN, via SHANGHAI.	First half February.

The steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light, and have accommodation for a limited number of saloon passengers, and will take cargo to all Ports in Netherlands, India on through B/L.

For particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the

HEAD AGENT,

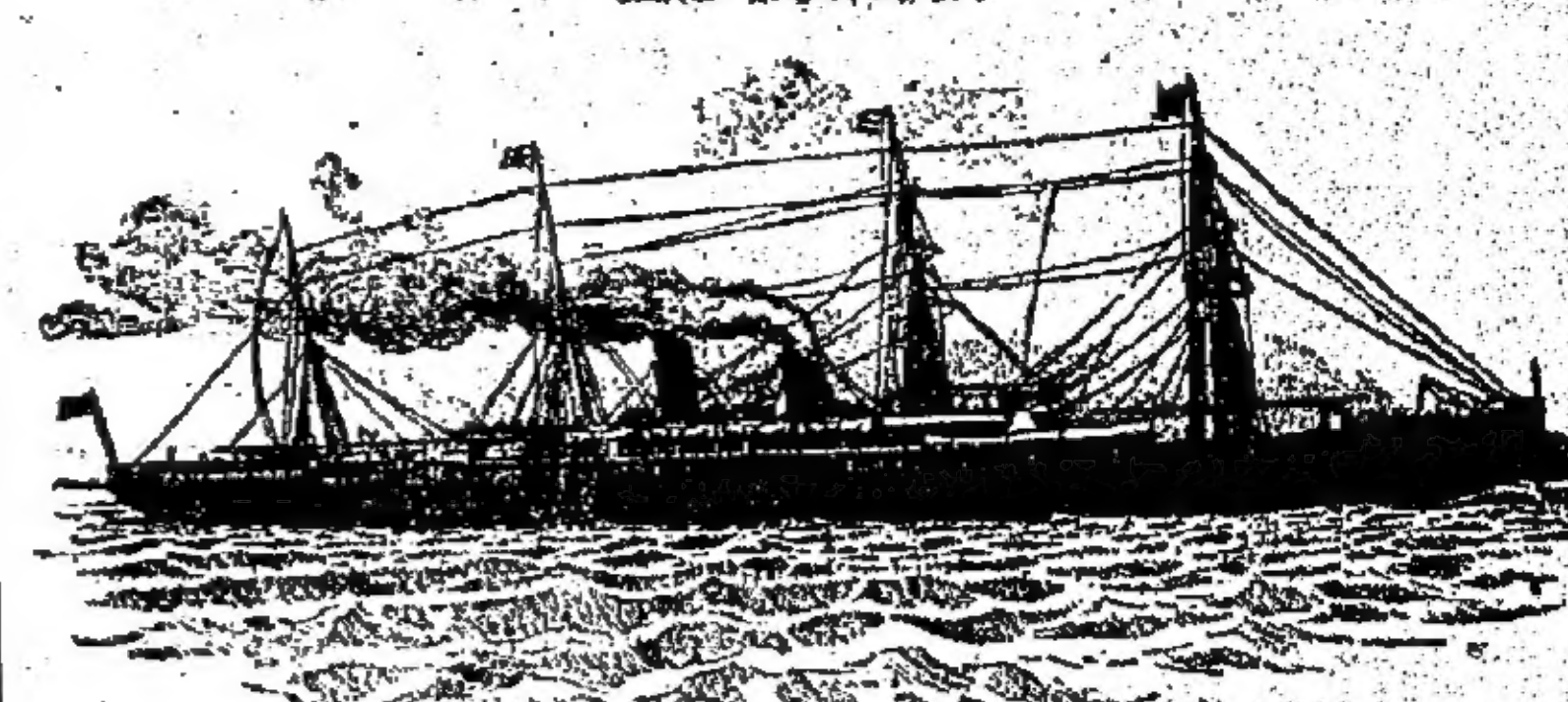
Java-China-Japan Lijn,
ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.TELEPHONE No. 275,
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MONGOLIA	13,630 Gross Tons, FRIDAY, 3rd February, at Noon.
MAKHURIA	13,630 " FRIDAY, 17th February, at Noon.
DORIC	4,784 " TUESDAY, 28th February, at Noon.
KOREA	11,276 " SATURDAY, 11th March, at Noon.
COPIC	4,784 " FRIDAY, 24th March, 1905, at Noon.
SIBERIA	11,284 " TUESDAY, 4th April, at Noon.
	SATURDAY, 18th April, at Noon.

Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. KOREA, 11,276 tons, Oct. 18th-2nd, 1902, 10 days, 15 hours.

THE P. M. Steamship MONGOLIA will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, the 3rd Feb., at Noon, taking Freight for Japan, the United States and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route. SPECIAL RATES (first class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company and connecting Steamers.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Queen's Building.

E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

Hongkong, January 24, 1905.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND TAMSAI.

THE Company's Steamship
HAIKING,
Captain Hopewell, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 1st prox., at 11 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 30, 1905.

FOR SHANGHAI & CHIN WAN TAO.

Taking Cargo through to TIENTSIN.

THE Steamship
OPLAND,
will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 3rd February, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 31, 1905.

MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES
FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS.

STEAM FOR	SAIGON, SINGAPORE, RA- TAVIA, COLOMBO, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MAR- SEILLES, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, MEDITERRANEAN, AND BLACK SEA PORTS.
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THE Steamship
ERNEST SIMONS.

CAPTAIN BARDON, will be despatched for MARSEILLES, TUESDAY, the 7th February, 1905, at 1 p.m.

+ Passage Tickets and through Bills of Lading issued for above ports.

Cargo also booked for principal places in Europe.

Next Sailing will be as follows:—

S.S. POLYTHÈSE	February 21, 1905.
S.S. CALÉDONIEN	March 7, 1905.
S.S. Océanien	March 21, 1905.

L. BRIDOU,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, January 28, 1905.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.THE Company's Steamship
KUMSANG,
Captain E. J. DYLLER, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 8th February, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 30, 1905.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN, and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TAIWAN, &c.)

THE Steamship
EMPIRE,
Captain HENRI, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 14th February, at Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

The Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers the steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 31, 1905.

Notices to Consignees.

MOGUL LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE STEAMSHIP MACDOUFF.

FROM GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 5th February, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 8th February, or they will not be recognized.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 4th February, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 30, 1905.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship, Kumsang, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from along-side.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m., the 1st prox., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at West Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 30, 1905.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMER POLYNÉSIE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES
MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex s.s. Orizaba and Dordogne; from Havre ex s.s. Orizaba; from Bordeaux ex s.s. Ville de Rouen; & Y.Y. & Consignees, in connection with above Steamers, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong Wharf and Godown Co., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, Goods remaining undelivered after 1st February, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 1st February, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 1st February, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. BRIDOU,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, January 25, 1905.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S
STEAMER CHUBAN.FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND
SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.'s Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings Cargo:—
From London, &c., ex s.s. Mongolia.
From Australia, ex s.s. Victoria.
From Penang, Ceylon, &c., ex s.s. N. N. and P. S. N. Co.'s s.s.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

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Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.

Amny, Straits, T'gong	Pentakots (s)	Jessie, Matheson & Co.	Feb. 7, Daylight
Australian Ports	Empire (s)	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Feb. 14, at Noon
Australian Ports	Tsunan (s)	Butterfield & Swire	February 13.
Am'dam, L'lon, A'erp	Pram (s)	Butterfield & Swire	February 2.
Am'dam, L'lon, A'erp	Glaucon (s)	Butterfield & Swire	February 14.
Am'dam, L'lon, A'erp	Glaucon (s)	Butterfield & Swire	February 28.
Am'dam, L'lon, A'erp	Glaucon (s)	Butterfield & Swire	February 14.
Cenca, Mar, L'pool	Ajax (s)	Butterfield & Swire	February 20.
Cenca, Mar, L'pool	Petrolia (s)	Butterfield & Swire	February 14.

Java Ports.	Tilatjap (a)	Java-China-Japan Lin.	2nd half of Feb.
Japan via Shanghai.	Tripuneh (a)	Java-China-Japan Lin.	1st half of Feb.
Japan via Shanghai.	Tsimah (a)	Java-China-Japan Lin.	February 8.
London, &c.	Simala (a)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 11, at Noon.
Mar. Ldon, A'erp, &c.	Java (a)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Feb. 15.
Manilleas via Saigon.	Teat Simons (a)	Messageries Maritimes	Feb. 7, at 1 p.m.
Manila	Teat Simons (a)	Messageries Maritimes	Feb. 7, at 1 p.m.
Manila	Tzafra (a)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Feb. 8, at 10 a.m.
Manila	Teat (a)	Butterfield & Swire	February 7.
Manila	Yuen-sang (a)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Feb. 3, at 3 p.m.
Manila	Shawmut (a)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	About March 14.
New York, Suez Canal.	Satesma (a)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	About Feb. 15.
New York, Suez Canal.	Richmond Castle (a)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	About Feb. 25.
New York, Suez Canal.	Ras Issa (a)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	About Feb. 6.
New York	Bengala (a)	Standard Oil Co.	February 2.

San Francisco v. Japan	Mongolia (a)	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	Feb. 8, at Noon.
San Francisco v. Japan	China (a)	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	Feb. 17, at Noon.
San Francisco v. Japan	Manchuria (s)	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	Feb. 26, at Noon.
San Francisco v. Japan	Doria (s)	O. & S. S. Co.	Mar. 11, at Noon.
Shanghai	Bengal (s)	Shanghai S. S. Co.	Feb. 11, at Noon.
Shanghai	Shanghai (s)	Shanghai S. S. Co.	Feb. 11, at Noon.
Singapore	Shanghai (s)	Shanghai S. S. Co.	Feb. 1, at 11 a. m.
S'pore, P'ang Calcutta	Rumung (a)	Jardine Matheson & Co.	Feb. 8, at 3 p. m.
S'hai and Portland, Or.	Arabia (s)	Portland & A. S. Co.	Feb. 13, Daylight.
S'hai and Portland, Or.	Araratia (s)	Portland & A. S. Co.	Mar. 5, Daylight.

S'hai and Portland, Or.	Nichols (s)	Portland & A. S. Co.	Mar. 2, Daylight.
S'tow, Amoy, Foochow	Triumph (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha.	Feb. 1, Daylight.
S'tow, Amoy & Tamsui	M. Steuve (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha.	Feb. 5, Daylight.
S'tow, Amoy & Anping	Bjornsterne Bjornson	Osaka Shosen Kaisha.	Feb. 8, Daylight.
S'tow, Amoy & Tamsui	Erithoff (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha.	Feb. 12, Daylight.
S'tow & Tamsui	Haiching (s)	Douglas Lapsack & Co.	Feb. 1, at 11 a.m.

Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Pingauay (s)	Battorfield & Swire.....	March 6.
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Lyra (s)	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.....	About Feb. 3.
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Hyades (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	About Feb. 15.
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Plaiades (s)	Dodwell & Co. Simited	About Mar. 15.
Vancouver (B.C.), &c.	Empress of India (s).....	Canadian P&N Co.	February 8.
Vancouver (B.C.), &c.	Empress of Japan (s).....	Canadian P & N Co.	March 8.
Vancouver (B.C.), &c.	Athenian (s)	Canadian P&N Co.	March 15.
Yms, S'hai, Moji, Kobe	Japan (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	About Feb. 12.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	£ and p.	Amounts, Currencies, Cash.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	80,000	£ 155	all	£ 1270, buyers.
National Bank of China, Limited...	19,970	£ 10	£ 8	London, 275.10
	29,965	£ 10	£ 8	838
Do. Founders' shares	750	£ 1	£ 1	810
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd. ...	10,000	£ 250	£ 50	£ 250, value & buyers
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd. ...	20,000	£ 85.53	£ 25	£ 250, value & buyers
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd. ...	10,000	£ 250	£ 100	£ 750, value & buyers
	10,000	£ 250	£ 100	£ 750, value & buyers

Union Insurance Society of Canton	8,000	\$	100	\$	60	\$155
Yungkee Insurance Association, Ltd.						
FIRE INSURANCE.						
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$	100	\$	20	\$31, sales & buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$	250	\$	50	\$340, sellers
DOCKS, ETC.						
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd.	50,000	\$	50	all	\$210,	sellers
Ge. Fenwick & Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$	25	\$	25	\$45, sellers
New Army Dock Co. Ltd.	6,000	\$	62	\$	62	\$27, sellers
W. A. Parnham, Boyd & Co. Ltd.	55,700	Tls.	100	Tls	100	Tls. 1522
STEAMSHIP, TUGS, ETC.						
China and M'kira S. S. Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$	50	\$	50	\$23, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$	50	all	\$34,	buyers
China Navigation Company, Ltd.	80,000	\$	15	\$	15	\$27, sellers

Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000	2	10	all	\$123, buyers
	10,000	2	10	10	\$28, buyers

Star Ferry Company, Ltd.....	10,000	£	10	all	830, sellers
Shall Transport & Trading Co. Ltd.....	200,000	£	1	£ 1 22, sellers	
Taku Tug and Lighter Co., Ltd.....	8,800	Tls.	50	Tls 50 Tls. 30, sellers	
Shanghai Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd.....	200,000	Tls.	50	Tls. 50	
do. Preference.....	100,000	Tls.	50	Tls. 50	Tls. 48
SUGAR REFINERIES.					
China Sugar Company, Limited.....	20,000	£	100	all	£210, sellers
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited.....	7,000	£	50	all	£20, buyers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.....	7,000	Tls.	50	Tls 50 Tls. 30, sellers	
WHARVES.					
H.K. & Kw. Wharf & Godown Co.....	30,000	£	50	all	£104, old
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co.....	10,000	£	50	all	£102, new, sellers
Hongkong Land Investment and LAND AND BUILDING.	20,100	Tls.	100	Tls 100 Tls. 120, buyers	
Hongkong Land Investment and LAND AND BUILDING.	50,000	£	200	all	£144 sellers

Agency Company, Limited.....	52,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 115, sales
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.				

Kowloon Land and Building Com- pany	6,000	2	57	30	\$364
Wei-lan-wei Land & Building Co., Ltd.	3,764	11s.	25	11s. 55	The 124, sellers
Hammberg, Estate & Finance Co.	100,000	10	all	\$124	buyers
West Point Building Co., Limited.	12,900	2	50	50	\$50, sellers
HOTELS.					
H.K. High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd. MIXING.	1,250	5	100	all	\$365
Société Française des Charbon- nages du Tonkin.	16,000	5	250	all	\$490
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	£	1	15/10	\$34, buyers
HOTELS - ETC.					
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	32,000	2	50	all	\$140, buyers
Astor House Hotel Ltd. (Members)	2,000	T.	11s. 50	11s. 50	The 150, sellers
Hotel S. (Ship)	30,000	3	25	2, 25	\$27, sellers

	ASTOR HOUSE FLOOR PLAN	DISPENSARIES.	(9)21
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A. S. Watson & Co., Limited...	30,000	5	10	5	10	\$12, buyers
do.	10,000	5	10	5	10	\$8, sellers
Watking Limited						
MISCELLANEOUS						
H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited...	7,000	5	10	5	10	\$180, buyers
Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd.	8,000	12 1/2	5	12 1/2	5	\$120, sellers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000	5	10	5	10	\$15, buyers
New Electric (new issue)	30,000	5	10	5	10	\$5, sellers
BRICK AND CEMENT						
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	50,000	5	10	5	10	\$25, sale & sellers
FERTILISERS						
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.	8,000	2	12 1/2	2	12 1/2	\$5
United Asbestos Oriental Agency,	2,000	5	10	5	10	\$25

Limited		10	10	\$180	
		7 500	10	10	valves

Hk. Steam Water-boat Co., Ltd.	7,600	\$	10	\$ 10	per cent. advance
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	25,000	£	7 8	¢ 12	buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited ..	5,000	£	25	all	B25, sales
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.	7,200	£	80	¢ 20	B20, buyers
H'kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$	10	\$ 10	B13, sellers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls.	50	Tls. 30	B24, buyers
Kowloon Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls.	50	Tls. 30	B24, buyers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls.	75	Tls. 75	Tls. 24
Luen-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	2,000	Tls.	100	Tls. 100	Tls. 30
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls.	500	Tls. 90	Tls. 150, sellers

China Provident Loan Association	50,000	10	10	84	sellers
Co. Ltd.					
China Borneo Company, Ltd.	60,000	12	19	616	sellers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,800	10	all	840	sellers
Wm. Powell, Ltd.	12,000	10	10	812 1/2	sellers
Shanghai and Hongkong Dyeing and Cleaning Co., Ltd.	1,800	50	50	850	
South China Morning Post	6,000	25	25	322	

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Philippine	300 \$	500 \$	500 \$	100 buyers
Albion Limited				
LOANS	Amount	Value	Interest	Amortization
Chinese Imperial 1886	2 1/2, 200	2	2	p. annum
VERNON and SMYTH, Share-Brokers				
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